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submitted that during the searching of the prior art for the limitations recited in the claims of the provisionally elected Group V, the Examiner will necessarily to search the classes that include the other Groups. Further, it is submitted that during the course of that search, the Examiner will by necessity search and consider these limitations and in doing so will necessarily search the art in the classes and subclasses of the other Groups. Therefore, the Examiner will not be subjected to multiple searches and thus the current situation does not constitute an undue burden for the Examiner. In view of the above arguments, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and all the claims be examined together on the merits.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

Applicant petitions for a two month extension of time up to and including July 21, 2003 to file the enclosed papers in this application. The petition fee in the amount of \$ 410.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 11836.0703.NPUS00.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11836.0703.NPUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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